

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

Public Utilities Commission

Minutes of Open Meeting Held August 3, 2006

Attendees: Commissioner Robert Holbrook, Commissioner Mary Bray, Steve Frias, Thomas Massaro, Alan Nault and Luly Massaro.

Commissioner Holbrook called the open meeting to order at 2:30 P.M. in the first-floor hearing room of the Public Utilities Commission.

3732 – Narragansett Electric Co. d/b/a National Grid – Mr. Nault summarized Narragansett's proposed South County Transmission Project noting the steps taken by the company to justify its cost and need for the project. He also noted that ISO supports the project in that it is necessary for reliability in the area as well as on a regional basis, and that the Division agreed that there is a need for the new substation and accepted the company's final overhead configuration for the transmission project. The cost of the project was estimated at \$25.2 million of which \$16.18 million is for the transmission line upgrades between Warwick and Charlestown and \$9 million for the construction of a substation in North Kingstown. Based on the record, Commissioner Bray moved to recommend the following:

- The Energy Facility Siting Board ("EFSB") find that there is need for Narragansett proposal to construct a new 115 kilovolt (kV) transmission line and 115 kV tap lines, reconductor an existing 115 kV transmission lines, construct a new 115-12.47 kV substation and expand and modify existing substations to maintain reliability and meet the demand in the South County area.
- The EFSB find Narragansett's proposed project and overhead configuration presented are reasonable and cost justified.

Commissioner Holbrook seconded the motion and the motion unanimously passed. **Vote 2-0.**

Chairman Germani was traveling from Chicago and could not make this open meeting to discuss the remainder of the open agenda. Therefore, Commissioner Holbrook moved to continue the open meeting until tomorrow at 9:30 A.M., August 4, 2006 to discuss the George Wiley's Petition and approve the minutes of open meeting held July 27, 2006. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion. **Motion to continue the open meeting was passed. Vote 2-0.**

The Open Meeting convened on August 4, 2006. Attendees: Chairman Elia Germani, Commissioner Robert Holbrook, Commissioner Mary Bray, Steve Frias, Thomas Massaro and Luly Massaro. Chairman Germani called the open meeting to order at 9:45 A.M.

Minutes of Open Meeting held on 7/27/06: After review, Chairman Germani moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Holbrook and unanimously passed. **Vote 3-0.**

The George Wiley's Petition to Institute a Summer Moratorium – After review and discussion of the various responses submitted to the George Wiley's Petition, the following motions were made:

- Commissioner Bray moved to adopt on an emergency basis a rule creating a summer moratorium on the termination of residential utility service whenever the temperature is 90 degrees or above. The motion was not seconded.
- Chairman Germani moved to open a docket to determine whether a summer moratorium should be instituted and if necessary, a rule change to the current rules governing residential utility shut-offs. Commissioner Bray seconded the motion and motion unanimously passed. Motion to open a docket (Docket No. 3761) was passed. **Vote 3-0.**

The open meeting adjourned at 10:10 A.M.